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*Spitz file*

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SUBJECT : George SPITZ

TO : Lt. Sidney Lenington, Chief, Operations, X-2

1. Way back in June 1945 Lt. Wihslow requested that we vet subject for our Munich station. We did so by checking files here, and cabling London requesting they do the same.

2. Our records checks were negative, and we have been waiting for the reply from London. A few days ago it arrived, in the form of a pouch dated 22 October 1945. The answer was also delayed due to a garbled mix-up in the original cable traffic. For all of this we are extremely sorry, and somewhat ashamed.

3. The London pouch reports no likely trace of SPITZ, but does corroborate what is already known about SCHMID @ WENDIG and his buddies.

4. Since the information in the vetting office consists of one rather scratched up XYZ-1 form, I took the liberty of examining the Operations file on SPITZ. After reading his interrogation report, and the account of how he gave all that gold to the Americans, I am convinced that SPITZ has been and will probably continue to be an excellent agent for this Mission. Conclusion: Approved by X-2 Vetting.

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